

The Berea City Council met in a regular session Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Connelly presiding.

A quorum being present Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Fields, Bellando, Wagers, Farmer, Little, Kerby

Absent: Jennings, Burnside

OFFICIALS: Gilbert, Stone, Chasteen, Gregory, Curtis, McCay, Vanwinkle, Schrader, Jackson, Meeks, Blackburn, Eirich

VISITORS: Tinsley Carter, Zak Pence, Erica Lawson, Meta Mendel Reyes, Judith Faulkner, Lesa Carey, Crystal Wylie, Eddie & Norma Kennedy, Steve & Patty Boyce, Richard Royalth, Guy & Jeanne Townsend, Joyce Mosher, Cheyenne Olson, Jane Ewalt, Ed McCurley, Lisa Vaughn, Lee Etta Cummings, Gina Chamberlain, William Broomfield, Sarah Broomfield, Diana Hays, Dan Chapin

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Crystal Wylie, Erica Lawson, Meta Mendal Reyes, Lorna Atwater, and Lisa Vaughn all addressed the council and spoke in favor of creating a Fairness Ordinance for the City of Berea.

Steve Boyce encouraged the city council to discuss the Economic Development; this is a good time to move it forward, it is good for the city.

Sarah Broomfield representing the East Center Street Neighborhood Association expressed her concerns about a current vacant lot and the end of Center Street. The property owner, Mr. Brodhead is planning on building a two story garage, which will block an easement for walkers to the golf course and trail. The association has talked with the Codes Office about what options they might have prior to construction on the property and would like to develop a Design Overlay District for the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 15, 2011

Farmer moved, Fields seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING; MARCH 24, 2011

Fields moved, Bellando seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. All ayes.

PROCLAMATION – SARA CARE

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring April 11th – 15th, 2011 as Sara Care Week in the City of Berea. Eddie Kennedy, Sara's father displayed a poster about the supper and fund raiser event on Friday the 15th at Union Church.

OPEN BIDS – GENERATOR FOR UTILITY DEPT.

Two Bids were received:

- 1. Cummins Crosspoint, LLC - \$122,000.00**
- 2. General Power Limited - \$106, 486.00**

OPEN BIDS -BLEACHER BIDS FOR THE NEW PARK

Two bids were received:

1. M.A.S.A. Inc. - \$13,393.80
2. Chris Bloomfield Sport Supply Group - \$17,728.28

OPEN RFP'S – FINANCE SOFTWARE

Four Bids were received and opened. There were various components to each bid. Mayor Connelly opened each bid packet and announced the company name of each vendor.

1. Donald Frey & Co.
2. Spring Brook Software
3. K.V.S. Information System
4. Logics, LLC

All of the above bids were recommended to be turned over to the Audit & Finance Committee for further review.

STRATEGIC PLAN- MAYOR CONNELLY

The council and staff has met and revised the plan. Famer moved to adopt the Strategic Plan and Environmental Scan as distributed, Wagers seconded. All ayes. Plan adopted.

RESOLUTION #01-2011; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BEREА, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), KENTUCKY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, APPROVING THE FEDERAL FUNDING AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in full. Kerby moved, Farmer seconded to approve Resolution #01-2011 as distributed. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE #03-11; 2010-2011 AMENDED BUDGET – 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in full.

ORDINANCE #04-11; SURPLUS ORDINANCE – 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance declaring certain property surplus.

ORDINANCE #05-11; ZONE CHANGE – MAYDE ROAD – 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in full change zoning classification I-2 (Manufacturing) to B-2 (Commercial).

ORDINANCE #06-11; HVAC AMENDMENT – 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in full amending and adopting provisions of KRS 198B-650 – 198B-689, for regulation of heating, AC and ventilation contractors.

PLANNING AND ZONING APPOINTMENT – MAYOR CONNELLY

Mayor Connelly stated the term of John Pennington has expired, and that he would like to continue to serve. Farmer moved, Kerby seconded the appointment to another term. All ayes.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS – MAYOR CONNELLY

Mayor Connelly stated Martin Richards a resident of 107 Holly Street has agreed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments. Fields moved, Kerby seconded the appointment of Mr. Richards to a term on the board. All ayes.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

D. Gregory, Police Chief reminded the council and audience about the 5K/10K Special Olympics Run raiser event this Saturday the 9th at 9am at the Panasonic Building on Mayde Road.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – R. STONE

- The city appreciates the passing of the FEMA Resolution; the funds will allow us to continue to work in our waterways and complete a master plan.
- We received a \$30,000 grant from NRCS to clean out our streams and waterways, they have surveyed the work the city has done, and in addition we can apply for \$6,000 to help cover the labor and equipment cost.
- Working with the street department; we are recording all of our storm sewer drains, size, structure and location for each throughout the city.
- We are building new curbs along Rawlins Street and will continue on to Center as well as removing some of the old sidewalks and replacing them.
- Two years ago we received Federal money allocated for the bridge work on the Indian Fort Shared Use Path; last year the money was handed over to the state, we will continue the work and bid the project out in June.

- Last Thursday we had a project meeting with the State and Garrison Construction on the Prospect Street Project; there was a concern of the some of the yards with drainage, yards drains will be installed and the city will maintain them.
- We have worked with District 7 during the past week on the stabilization of the stop lights at 25/Main Street and 595; it is hard to tell which direction the lights are pointing, we are asking the state to design new light poles and cables, the city will then install the mast arms to hold the lights.
- We are continuing work with CSX Rail Road to get the crossing arms installed at the Mayde and Menelaus Road. We have received notification from the Governor's Office that there will be a participation from the state of \$100,000 on this project.
- There is an area of Elkins Street alley way holding water, once G.I.S. can shoot the grade, we will hopefully remedy the problem.
- There was also an area of drainage on Rose Court that was holding water, drains have been cleaned and the channel opened near Pinnacle Street.
- Drainage has been installed along Maple Street to assist with water flow.
- Work in nearing completion on the Baldwin Street drainage project, we are seeding and redressing the yards.
- We are working with the Prime Group to update our Utility Rates and gather data to explain our rates during the budget process.
- Remolding work is taking place at Station #2; the firemen are doing the work themselves.
- Two new police cruisers are in and are getting stripped and the lights installed; should be here in two weeks and be ready for the road.
- April 12th we will start interviewing candidates for the Utility Manager's position.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Connelly suggested for a committee to form to look at the Fairness Ordinance Issue. Fields stated he would chair the committee; Kerby and Wagers agreed to serve. The committee would then discuss the issue and report back to the council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Fields: appreciates the people who came and spoke this evening; encouraged everyone to support the Sara Care event next week.

Bellando: there will be a Community Forum Monday, April 25th at 6:30 at Berea Community School, for citizens to address their concerns; we all want to make Berea a better place to live. Many people in the city don't realize many issues that the city is already addressing.

Farmer: echo to Mr. Fields for all who spoke tonight.

Kerby; thanks to all the folks who spoke tonight; it is a going to be a very interesting conversation as we address the Fairness issue; would like to encourage citizens to attend the Sara Care Event. Also, would like to see the Economic Development Issue on the table, suggest we hold a work session.

Meeting adjourned; 7:40 p.m.